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SUBJECT: EGYPT: IOM CANDIDACY DEMARCHE DELIVERED

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[1](#)1. We delivered reftel demarche to Hany Dimitri of the MFA International Organizations office on January 21, emphasizing Ambassador Swing's qualifications for the IOM Director General position and explaining the U.S. position against the incumbent. Dimitri said that the GOE would study the IOM candidacy issue but is unlikely to decide on which candidate to support until the election is closer.

[1](#)2. Separately on January 21, we asked Amr Goweili, MFA cabinet advisor for multilateral relations, to support Ambassador Swing's request for a meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit on the margins of the upcoming African Union Summit. Goweili, who is accompanying Minister Aboul Gheit to the AU Summit, said he would study the issue and consult with Egypt's mission in Addis Ababa.
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